

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1838

Introduced by Assembly Member Huff

January 24, 2008

An act to amend Section 13320 of the Government Code, relating to state finances.

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AB 1838, as introduced, Huff. State agency budgets: zero-based budgeting.

Existing law requires every state agency and court for which an appropriation is made to submit to the Department of Finance for approval, a complete and detailed budget setting forth all proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year.

This bill would require that these budgets utilize a zero-based budget method, as defined.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 13320 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 13320. (a) Every ~~State~~ *state* agency and court for which an
- 4 appropriation has been made, shall submit to the department for
- 5 approval, a complete and detailed budget at ~~such~~ *the* time and in
- 6 ~~such the~~ form ~~as may be~~ prescribed by the department, setting
- 7 forth all proposed expenditures and estimated revenues for the
- 8 ensuing fiscal year.

- 1 ***(b) The budget submitted to the department for approval shall***
2 ***utilize a zero-based budget method.***
3 ***(c) As used in this section, “zero-based budget method” means***
4 ***determining a budget by starting with a base of zero dollars and***
5 ***adding dollar amounts necessary to conduct specific activities and***
6 ***operations. A zero-based budget shall set forth all of the following:***
7 ***(1) Each activity performed for which an appropriation is made***
8 ***or is requested.***
9 ***(2) The legal basis for performing the activity.***
10 ***(3) An itemized justification for the amount requested to perform***
11 ***the activity.***